

COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone) REPORT NO. 25X1A

TOPIC Movements of Soviet Troop Trains

EVALUATION see below PLACE OBTAINED 25X1A

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REFERENCES [REDACTED] 25X1A

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REMARKS The 1st, 2d and 5th through 8th shipments in paragraph 6, and summary of paragraph 9

9 were previously reported [REDACTED] 25X1A

[REDACTED] 25X1X

1. 25X1 Between 21 and 24 February 1952 [REDACTED] 25X1  
[REDACTED] that there had been an increase in the number of Soviet troop train conveyed in the Berlin, Halle and Greifswald areas. Numerous trains were reported to have been loaded in the Berlin area. About 400 cars with troops, probably from the Halle-Berlin area, arrived in Greifswald on 21 February. (1)
2. A hospital train of 4 boxcars and 12 express-train coaches arrived at the Oranienburg freight yard from Boelitz-Heilstaetten on 28 February, and returned to Boelitz on 29 February. A total of four troop trains were observed at the Oranienburg freight yard on 29 February. The first train arrived from Forst Zinna and was unloaded at Oranienburg. It consisted of 4 boxcars with soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and 32 flatcars carrying prime movers, [REDACTED] 25X1B  
[REDACTED] 18 trucks and 2 sedans [REDACTED] The second 25X1B  
which was loaded at the Oranienburg freight yard and left toward Frankfurt/Oder consisted of 7 boxcars with soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and 13 flatcars carrying 18 trucks [REDACTED] and 12 AT guns 25X1B  
The third train which passed through Oranienburg en route from Luckenwalde to Neustrelitz consisted of 7 boxcars with soldiers and 33 flatcars carrying 22 trucks. The fourth train came from Neustrelitz and proceeded to Jueterbog and consisted of 1 flatcars with 4 AT guns and 6 trucks. [REDACTED] 25X1X
3. The Mustermark marshaling yard was ordered to dispatch: all empty flatcars to Frankfurt/Oder on 27 February; 50 flatcars to Satz Korn on 28 February; and all empty flatcars to Oranienburg on 29 February.
4. A railroadman [REDACTED] stated that allegedly sick soldiers alighted from three hospital trains which arrived at the Oranienburg railroad station during the night of 28 February. However, all of the soldiers were heavily guarded and loaded in groups. Several other troop trains were loaded or unloaded at the Oranienburg railroad station during the same night. Their dispatching or receiving stations could not be determined.
5. No locomotives for routine traffic were available at the Mustermark marshaling yard during the night of 28 February. [REDACTED] all 25X1  
Locomotives on hand had been dispatched to haul Soviet troop trains.

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6. The following troop trains were identified [redacted] and 2 March:

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Date	Composition of Troop Trains	From	To
28 February	11 boxcars and 24 flatcars	Potsdam	Altengrabow
	12 boxcars and 22 flatcars	Wildpark	Altengrabow
29 February	14 boxcars and 25 flatcars	Muckowalde	Pasowalk
	7 boxcars and 22 flatcars	Jueterbog	Volten
1 March	9 boxcars and 21 flatcars	Oranienburg	Jueterbog-Altes Lager
	4 boxcars and 23 flatcars	Oranienburg	Jueterbog-Altes Lager
	7 boxcars and 18 flatcars	Prenzlau	Jueterbog-Altes Lager
2 March	11 boxcars and 32 flatcars	Wildpark	Altengrabow

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7. [redacted]

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8. [redacted] the Berlin railroad district headquarters that a total of five trains with military motor vehicles left the Halle railroad district toward Erfurt between 25 and 29 February. (5)
9. It was announced that numerous flatcars would be loaded on behalf of Soviet units in the Schwerin, Magdeburg, Halle and Erfurt railroad districts between 3 and 8 March.
10. The following numbers of Soviet military personnel were observed aboard locomotives in Frankfurt/Oder between 24 and 28 February:

Date	To West Litovsk	From West Litovsk
24 February	200 and 180	190 and 180
25 February	210 and 200	200 and 190
26 February	190 and 210	180 and 200
27 February	190 and 200	190 and 210
28 February	210 and 200	180 and 190 (6)

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Comments.

- (1) The information largely agrees with previous reports by other sources on rail movements and field exercises of Soviet troops. The units entrained in the Berlin area were probably components of the Second Gds Mecz Army that left their posts for the Juterbog training area for short training cycles. The Greifswald area, possibly the entire Greifswald railroad district, was the destination of elements of all units subordinate to the Third Shock Army between 17 and about 20 February. However, no troops from the Halle area were determined in the Greifswald railroad district. Troops from Halle were reported to have left their post westwards on about eight trains on and after 20 February. See   25X1
- (2) With the exception of the train going from Neustrelitz to Juterbog, the information in paragraph 2 agrees with previous reports by other sources. See   and paragraph 6 of the present report. 25X1
- (3) Compare with reports by the same and another source who stated that a light AAA regiment of the 2d Gds AAA Div left Potsdam by rail on 20 February. See   25X1
- (4) The present report states for the first time that a unit of this division went to Altengrabow. In 1951, components of the 2d Gds AAA Div entrained also on 20 February, but went to the Mustraw AAA range. 25X1
- (5) This troop train is believed to have also been observed at Mustraw by another source. See   25X1
- (6) Eight troop trains were reported   to have left Halle westwards during the last week of February. See   25X1
- (6) The volume of daily leave traffic in both directions has been approximately equal lately.

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